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## 'Sold!'

Mattapoisett Harbor Days 2025

By Sam Bishop

This year's Harbor Days was held with some sporadic, less-than-optimal weather patterns. However, as per usual, it was a success. Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and July 20, Shipyard Park packed in artisan stands like sardines, accompanied by the huge foodie-tent and patrons from across the Tri-Towns and beyond.

The event is regularly hosted by the Mattapoisett Lions Club and its 16 members and takes place the third weekend of July (this past weekend, sorry if you missed it). Nearly 100 different vendors put up what they had. This year, some vendors had totally sold out all their stock, leaving a "Sold" sign in place of items. From t-shirts, to earrings, to scarves, to carved wooden cutting boards and furniture, the wide variety of items were snatched up. Some goods screamed "summer" and complemented the heat, while others, like the aforementioned scarves or even Christmas tree ornaments, are better used in a few months.

In a first for the long-running event, "Yoga in the Park" was also held the week before by the organizers in the park, as well as "Taste of the Town," which also made use of the organization's large white catering tent. That brings us to food, where Saturday afternoon saw a Lobster Fest and Sunday had a cookout; strawberry shortcake was available both days, and both days there was a line to get some first thing in the morning.

Similar to many Harbor Days of the past, this was a hot one. Not nearly as hot as the blistering heat of the prior week though at a high of 81 degrees. Sunday saw some waves of rain, though not enough to put a halt on, or even really impact, the event at all.

Harbor Days is anticipated and hyped up every year as soon as the first warm breeze of summer crests the shore. As I was once, outsiders are afforded the opportunity to go "what is Harbor Days?" before mingling with locals and getting a taste of the best the

*On the Cover: Cakes were on the griddle, and patriotism was in the air, as residents and visitors were greeted by the annual Harbor Days festival hosted by the Lions Club last weekend in Shipyard Park. Photo courtesy of the Mattapoisett Lions Club and Immediate Past King Lion Robert Haley*

Tri-Town has to offer. For its 44th year, Harbor Days has delivered again.

## A History of the Mattapoisett Town Band

By Band Director Jayson E. Newell

Mattapoisett has had a town band since the mid-1800s. It's likely it was formed the same year the town was incorporated: 1857. Archeological forensics notwithstanding, what we do have is very compelling.

Thanks to the Mattapoisett Museum, we have photographic evidence, historical instruments, and early handwritten musical scores. Photographs show

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the Mattapoisett Cornet Band. The band is shown at a town event with Civil War veterans but no veterans from World War I. This leads us to believe the photo was taken between those two major wars (1865-1914). These bits of historical data help to establish a time frame for the band.

Digging a bit deeper in our quest to establish a date for the band, we found the museum has an instrument called an "ophicleide." This fascinating wind instrument looked like a saxophone which plays in E-flat. This brass horn was invented in 1817 and was produced until 1920. The ophicleide was replaced by the helicon in the mid-19th century.

Playing a significant role in the transition of instruments used in marching bands and brass bands was the helicon. Its design was critical in the development of the sousaphone in 1893, while the ophicleide would become the saxophone in 1841. Inside the case holding the ophicleide is a book of music, hand copied in 1867.

J. White band music and instrument depot of Boston produced the book of music. White passed away in 1885, and the depot closed around 1909. There is a J. White band music catalog in the Library of Congress archives.

The Mattapoisett Cornet Band's drum lettering changed with the word "Cornet" disappearing around 1900. It was replaced by just "Mattapoisett Band" by 1905.

Unfortunately, we do not have a precise date for the Mattapoisett Band. We can, however, confirm with certainty that 1900 is the year the Mattapoisett Cornet Band disappeared. Therefore, we have chosen 1900 as our starting point.

Please join us for our 125th celebration on Wednesday, July 30, at 7:00 pm at Shipyard Park. The band will receive a citation from Massachusetts State Representative Mark Sylvia in recognition of our long history, and we will perform a special musical program.

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*This Week in Revolutionary History...*

**By Sam Bishop**

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the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay.

The best way to figure out what was going on was to read Washington's papers and General Orders of the time period, as there was daily correspondence and orders put out to his officers and troops.

Last week, we discussed Washington's General Orders of July 17, where he would reiterate the importance of his orders to his officers and their duty to pass on the contents of such to lower ranking troops. Coming into mid-July, Massachusetts, 1775, George Washington is still headquartered in Cambridge, conducting the Siege of Boston for the next few months. Militiamen from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island have all arrived in the past weeks, eventually amounting to around 10,000 troops under his command in the region.

On July 18, Washington would thank Yankee political representatives for nominating and supporting his ascension to the role of Commander in Chief, telling the Governor of Rhode Island Nicholas Cook by letter, "You will please to accept my Sincere Acknowledgments

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Washington is busy... very busy. In this time, he is constantly sending out notes and letters. Many of thanks, many of orders. On July 18, he is trying to further gather supplies in Cambridge. He asks, in his General Orders for the day, for "Spades, pick-axes, wheel-barrows, hand barrows, axes and crow-barrs; and to mention the

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number and quality, of any of these implements, that are still wanting, to carry on their respective works." He needs tools! The positions are being entrenched and dug in for the long siege ahead. Not to mention, supply lines must be protected, as he awaits more troops on the long march from New Hampshire. The General Orders of July 19 are lost to time, but it is likely more of the same.

On July 19, however, he wrote to John Hancock of the intention of Matthias Ogden and Aaron Burr ("sir") to join the Continental Army, and his support and favor of such for the Continental Congress to award them high positions. Both Ogden and Burr would soon head north with Benedict Arnold to attack Quebec. On July 20, Washington, still managing organization and discipline,

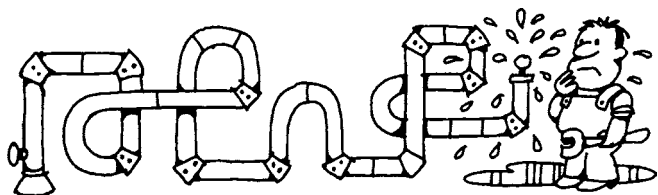
would gripe over the time of drums being played, saying "Certain drums in, and near Cambridge, very improperly beat – this morning before day; although the troops are ordered to be under arms, half an hour before day light; it does not follow the drums are to beat at that time." He also reiterates the importance that all goods coming into the camp be regularly logged. His "Aids-de Camp" are in charge of this task, among others.

The following day, he writes to his brother Samuel Washington, lamenting at the difficulties of his task but also ending with hope, saying "The village I am in, is situated in the midst of a very delightful Country, and is a very beautiful place itself, though small – a thousand pities that such a Country should become the theatre of war – A Month from this day will bring on some Capitol change I expect; for if the Enemy are not able to penetrate into the Country, they may as well, one would think, give up the point & return home." Rather misplaced, but it at least shows he was fond of Massachusetts and, at least in writing, maintained the war would be over soon. It would not. The General Orders of the next day, July 21, are also lost. He would, however, inform Hancock of his intention, with the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts Bay, to raise another 700 men from Massachusetts. He was also in communication with the Rhode Island Assembly to raise more troops there. The same day, he would urge Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut to expedite troop arrivals from his state "with all possible expedition."

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These hundreds of letters per week were sent out

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*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

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In the patient safety movement, we hear the term used over and over by patients who feel their concerns are not being taken seriously by their doctors.

Many diagnoses are easy to make and verify, and that satisfies both the patient, who has an explanation for their symptoms, and the doctor, who can suggest treatment and move on to the next patient. If you have visible bleeding or an abnormal ECG or blood test, the disease can be quickly diagnosed.

Many diseases are not that easy to diagnose. The symptoms may be vague and common to many illnesses, and there may be no reliable tests to confirm or refute the diagnosis. This is particularly true for auto-immune disorders. Many such diseases are commoner in women than men, and women are much more likely to report that

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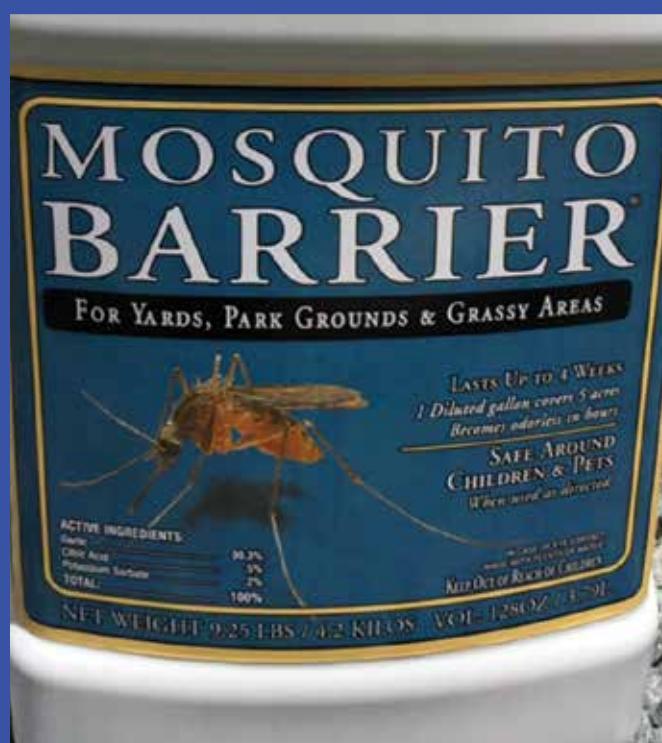
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Diagnosis may require a second (or third) opinion. It may require more detailed imaging or invasive testing that are not appropriate at first presentation, but which are justified as the symptoms evolve.

If you have a doctor who will work with you in this way, hold on to them.

If your doctor "gaslights" you, find another doctor!

*Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.*

## Senior Center Receives Big Check

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

The Rochester Select Board Monday focused on important police appointments, Council on Aging donations, and accepting a plaque honoring the town's long list of Eagle scouts.

The board emerged from contract negotiations in executive session to sign the contract for and appoint Zachary Dupere as a Police Department lieutenant. Dupere is being promoted from the position of sergeant. Then, as relatives and loved ones stood in the back of the meeting room to observe, the board appointed



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The Select Board's next center of attention came from a \$150,000 check. COA Board of Directors member Mike Daniel presented the board with a poster-sized facsimile of the check, as he announced the council has now raised that amount through its public fundraising effort toward building an addition to the town's Senior Center on Dexter Lane. Daniel said such a plan has been a COA priority for years, and many volunteers have made it all possible; proceeds from the daily Senior Center breakfasts are a major contributor to that fund. He said the goal is to raise more, but this is the first such donation the COA wanted deposited in its town account.

Without hesitation, the board accepted the check "with gratitude." Town Administrator Cameron Durant told board members that what remains from what is raised for the renovations will be set aside for a partition wall for that addition.

After the vote, Durant noted the breakfasts are continuing and more public donations are welcome.

Next, the board approved Scout Troop 31 leader Kevin Thompson's proposal to post plaques listing those in town who have earned their Eagle Scout badge on the walls at Town Hall.

Thompson held two of these plaques. He said

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Thompson told The Wanderer after the vote that he has yet to complete research on how many total Eagle Scouts Rochester has produced, but there have been a lot of them. "I expect as many as six more plaques," he said, "and we'll keep adding to them."

In other action, the board appointed Gayle



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The Select Board did not set a future meeting before adjourning.

### Town Party Preparations

*Marion Select Board*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Marion Select Board meeting on Tuesday, July 22 took only 30 minutes, but the board managed to make some appointments, preview the Town Party this weekend, and offer an update on the bumpy Point Road.

At the Police Station's meeting room, the Select

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Board promoted Sommer Cardoso to Marion Police sergeant and Adam Murphy, the town's harbormaster, as a full-time Marion Police officer.

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman gave details to the Select Board on Point Road and said a contractor has been called on to repair sewer trenches. Gorman said the first attempt was not professional, so the contractor has agreed to return to working on the trenches.

Gorman said this was just temporary work, but the town is preparing its own contractor to conduct a curb-to-curb repaving of the road. Gorman said he hopes that work is conducted in the fall.

"We are looking at it aggressively," Gorman said.

Select Board Executive Assistant Donna Hemphill, who plans the annual Town Party, said this year it should be bigger and better. She said many volunteers and businesses have stepped up to donate time and/or money to the event.

Hemphill said this year's event will feature a rock wall for kids to climb, face painting, and other family-friendly events. The event starts at 4:00 pm at Silvershell Beach, and proceeds go to the Marion Cultural Council and the Marion Firefighters Association.

Gorman will be preparing some food as well.

Last year, the event was canceled due to mosquito-borne diseases in the area. The Health Department recently reported that, according to state records, only one goat tested positive for West Nile Virus in Worcester County,

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and no cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE or "Triple-E") have been reported. Hemphill said, to stay ahead of that issue, she has asked for the area to be sprayed prior to the event.

The Annual Marion Town Party will be held on Saturday, July 26 with a rain date of Sunday, July 27 at Silvershell Beach. The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 pm in the Town House.

### Planning Board Will Vet ADU's

*Mattapoissett Planning Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

During the July 22 meeting of the Mattapoissett

Planning Board, the members continued discussion on a new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) bylaw. Chairman Tom Tucker said, "We've been talking about this for months now and we've been putting it off because they're waiting for a full board." He said it has been difficult to seat a full board, especially during the summer months, but the time had come to put a draft before the public for their review and consideration before Town Meeting in the fall.

The board will present a bylaw that makes the Planning Board, not the Zoning Board of Appeals, the permitting authority for ADU construction. The same was suggested for the draft for the construction of cottage-style housing in the Route 6 corridor.

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In the matter of crafting new language for the Route 6 corridor, the members agreed that the Route 6 corridor should match general business requirements, usually 400 feet back.

Member John Mathieu stated, "I would like any lot that has excess property over that line, that 400-foot line, the remainder of the lot shall be included as usable space under the bylaw so, if the lot is 500 feet deep, they can use it all 500 feet back just to extend it."

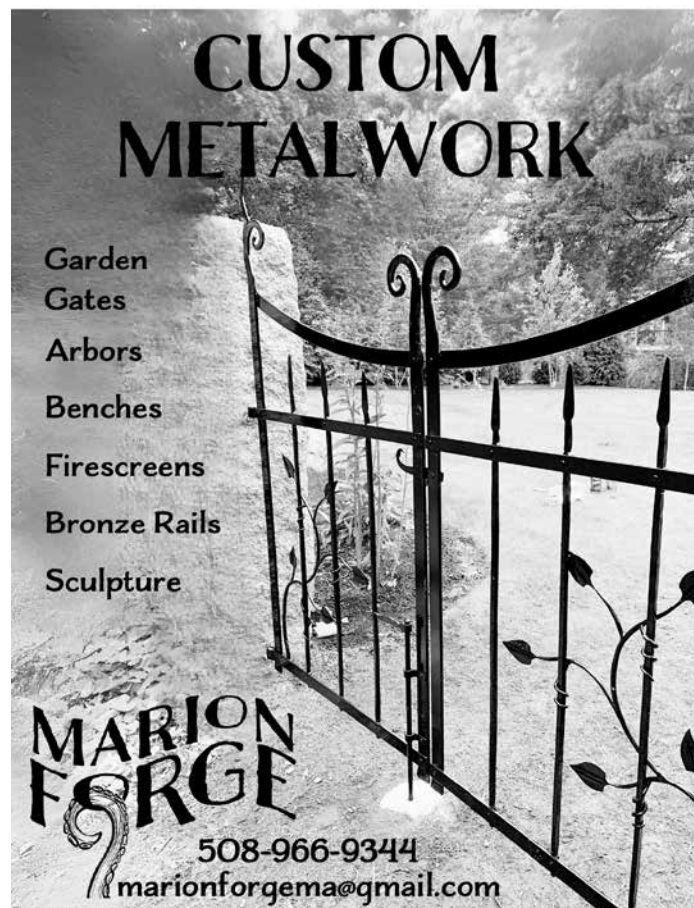
Member Karen Field queried, "Where do we stand with affordable housing?" Tucker noted a developer is welcome to present a plan, but due to economic restrictions no one has come forward to date.

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McIntire has been present during the board's public meetings regarding various types of housing and property-development concepts. On this night, he said he'd been waiting for, "many many years," to build housing but not 40B housing. He prefers a type of housing that complements Mattapoisett absent the financial restrictions likely to be associated with housing that receives public funding. He said there are details he needs to share in a public forum. He said fine points needs to be articulated, but he expressed concern that sometime these points are lost in debate.

The board will announce a round of two public hearings to flesh out public comments and fine tuning of bylaw changes and creating new bylaws.

The board moved to finish bylaw drafts for both the Route 6 corridor (cottage-style housing units) and ADU's and to post public-hearing notices in the coming weeks.

In the matter of updated rules for roadway acceptance, updates and recommendations will be sent to the Select Board for their review and consideration.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, August 4.

### Cases Continued to August 26

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

On Tuesday, Rochester's Planning Board began a review of a proposal for a three-lot Definitive Subdivision on an 8.67-acre parcel at 19 County Road.

Robert Esposito, engineer for the petitioners Robert and Christine Murphy, explained that one lot will be for the existing house lot. The two new lots would also be for four-bedroom residential housing. The parcel is close to 0 Mary's Pond Road to the rear and is near the Wareham town line. There are few trees, the lots are mostly grass and gravel, and the parcel is very flat and will need minor grading. A road measuring approximately 350 feet and a water drainage system between lots two and three are being proposed. He has sent a letter to the Wareham Water Commission to place a fire hydrant at the cul-de-sac.

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Planning Board Chair Arnold Johnson responded with a long list of requirements for when the hearing continues at the panel's next meeting. He told Esposito the list of waivers needs to be longer. Esposito will want waivers of the requirements for a traffic study and a tree-cutting plan. The application will need to specify that the road will be private, and a Homeowners Association Agreement will need to be submitted for that street.

Applicant Robert Murphy pushed back against needing such an agreement so soon. He said he doesn't know who will ultimately buy the lots. “We're just selling to a contractor,” he said.

Johnson explained the application needs a Homeowners Association Agreement with specifics

that will be transferred to whomever buys or sells the property. This will protect the town against liability when a flooding problem occurs.

The board ended discussion by continuing the hearing to August 26.

In other action, the board also continued until August 26 the Special Permit and Site Plan Review hearing for the proposal from Logging Swamp Solar dba ReWild Renewables to install a solar panel array on 49 acres in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road. The panel also continued to that date the Special Permit and Site Plan Review hearing for the construction of floating and ground-mounted solar arrays at 53 Dexter Lane. For both projects, the board also extended their decision deadlines to September 30.

The board canceled its regularly scheduled next meeting, which would have been held on August 5. The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### **Map Updated; Route 6 Development Tweaked**

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday at 550 Mill Street and approved a Town Meeting zoning map. The map's approval by the board will be uploaded to the town's official website ([marionma.gov](http://marionma.gov)) and General Informal System.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee said a town representative, John Rockwell, worked with Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) on the updates. Rockwell said the maps adopted at Town Meeting will correspond with what people see on the website. Rockwell said the recent changes updated maps from 2014.

“What people want to know is what is the zoning on my lot and want to zone in,” Rockwell said. He also said there are aquifer-protection districts that were not reflected accurately with some lot lines having changed as well, which were also not reflected.

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is a problem," Rockwell said. Some lot and property lines were from old aerial photos. Better technology and aerial photos help improve mapping. Select Board Vice Chair John Hoagland said some earlier maps did not accurately display all Route 6 lines and that there was one zoning change that designated a property as commercial that was not reflected.

"The map came out great! Very easily readable," said Planning Board Chairman Andrew Daniel.

The board conducted a site plan and Special Permit hearing for a 48-unit residential development on Wareham Road, proposed by Toll Brothers. The developers, earlier this year, amended the site plan after some concerns were raised by the board, according to Jeff




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Eidelberg, a Toll Brothers representative.

Bruce Erman, an engineer for the project, said they wanted to make the layout better. He said they will no longer be duplexes but single-family homes and an area where all residents there can access the river.

The layout has also been improved for better Fire Department access, according to Erman, adding that they eliminated a dead end and created a loop for fire truck access.

Erman said that they also arranged a "boulevard entry" from Route 6 so people know that cars would be leaving the development and would slow down as they are driving along Route 6. Board members noted that the development is situated along a dangerous section of Route 6, with visibility blocked by a hill and blinded by sunrises and sunsets at certain times of the year.

Erman said a common building is closer to the river view and can be legally accessed by all members of the development. He also said there are four to five proposed homes in a coastal buffer, but that number has dwindled to approximately two or three.

The Planning Board will have its engineer review the proposed changes, and the continued public hearing will resume.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, August 4 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department's conference room.

## **Cars Crowding Island Wharf**

*Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission met briefly via Zoom on July 3 and covered some important topics, mostly regarding the use of Island Wharf Park.

Select Board member Norm Hills said two years ago, the wharf area's jurisdiction was transferred over to the Marine Resources Commission. However, the use of the wharf has expanded to parking for other activities. Hills said there is gravel parking and a road in the area with no official plan behind it.

"It's unilaterally expanded its (use)," Hills said, adding that there is no control over who parks in the area. Some trailers and boats are parked in the open space area, which has recently been banned. Hills said a committee has been formed to decide how parking should be conducted.

"It's a situation over time. It has been creeping expansion in the area, and nobody has agreed to that or has approved that," he added.

"It certainly has been nibbling away at the green space there," MOSAC Chair John Rockwell said. He said since the late 1980s, village parking has not changed much, but an influx of activities and visitors has.

Rockwell said he had served on the Conservation Commission when it was proposed that a permit should be needed when they built a gravel parking lot. He said there is a storm drain in the area, which is why he argued against more parking expansion when he served on the Conservation Commission.

Rockwell added the gravel parking area turns into a "mud pit" when it rains and said there are waterfront facilities there, but the Marine Resources Commission said it does not have the money to manage the parking area.

The chair said there should be a legal determination for how parking in the area should be conducted and what boards or commissions should be responsible.

Rockwell said some of the area has grass parking

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as well, which is often used by people who attend concerts in the area. He said there should be a fee for that parking for the upkeep of the land and also said police could issue tickets to people who are not permitted to park there, which could also generate revenue. "We need more parking because we are not enforcing the rules we have."

Also at the remote July 3 meeting, Rockwell said the commission was planning a site visit for Grassi Bog on July 1. The former cranberry bog is located just off Route 6 and is now a wildlife sanctuary, used also for walking trails. Some of the land there might be used as part of the South Coast Bike Path.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission was not scheduled upon adjournment.

### Updates to 1950s Houses Approved

*Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals met briefly on Thursday, July 26. The board saw over and approved three Special Permit requests with Building Inspector Bill McGrady present.

They began with a Special Permit request from 7 Spruce Street, filed by owner Katherine Myatt. The owner seeks to remove the current deck and, in its place, build a three-season, enclosed room. The new room would

encompass the already existing footprint of the deck.

Architect Steve Keller presented the plans, explaining it is "really, a very simple project." The existing house was built in 1955 and has seen some modification in that time. The new sunroom, the same as the existing deck, will measure 14x16 feet, with no alteration to the existing home. Following the presentation, the Special Permit was granted with a unanimous vote.

Next was a Special Permit request for 9 Oakland Terrace filed by owner Joan Black. The applicant seeks to construct a 16x28-foot addition. This home was also built in 1955, with the addition to the single-family home adding another bedroom, totally three. The request was approved with a unanimous vote.

Attorney Chris Markey filed a Special Permit request for 4 Beach Road on behalf of owners who seek to demolish and replace an existing garage with a finished space above, with the addition being classified as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). The footprint would be "slightly larger," though there is no major change to setbacks. Due to recent renovations to the home in the last 20 years, the board agreed the new garage would be more consistent with the design of the home. The permit was granted with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.



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## Tick Cases Rising Statewide

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Marion Board of Health met on July 17 for a quick but informative meeting at the Town House, touching upon the rise of tick-borne illnesses and the safety of town beaches.

Health Director Lori A. Desmarais informed the board that Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE or "Triple-E") and West Nile Virus cases, both caused by mosquitoes, are lower this year. However, there has been a general rise in tick-borne illnesses statewide. Desmarais said there have been no reported EEE cases, and one goat in Worcester County tested positive for West Nile Virus.

Tick-borne diseases have been on the rise, but so far Lyme Disease cases in Marion are down from 43 last year to 41 this year, according to Desmarais. She said there has been a rise in other tick-borne illnesses in Marion and in the state. She advised that anyone who finds a tick embedded in his or her skin for several hours should consult a physician. She also recommended doxycycline for those who test positive for Lyme Disease.

In other health news, Desmarais reported that she has been visiting camps and advised the board to update its fee structure, especially with late fees. The director reported that there have been 270 Emergency Medical Service visits to the Health Board staff this year. She attributed the high number to more people being aware of

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Desmarais also reported that all beaches, public and semi-public, have been tested and passed water-quality tests as of July 14.

Newly hired Health Agent Gabrielle Almeida was introduced to the board at the July 17 meeting. Almeida has been busy visiting town beaches, and she has conducted some food inspections, reporting only some minor infractions from a food vendor at Washburn Park.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is currently scheduled for Thursday, August 7, at 4:30 pm in the Town House.

## Parking Headaches and New Patrol Boat

*Marion Marine Resources Commission*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

From a new police vessel, parking issues at Island Wharf, and delinquent boat-mooring permits, the Marion Marine Resources Commission's meeting on July 16 at the Island Wharf Dock office led to some long discussions.

Parking issues around and on Island Wharf, within the village district, remains a growing concern for the MRC and other town entities. Commissioners mentioned that the MRC often is the target of complaints when people attend concerts nearby or weddings on the weekends and see boat trailers parked on the boatyard.

Harbormaster Adam Murphy and MRC Chairman Vincent Malkoski Jr. say there are permitted

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commercial vehicles that have every right to park on Island Wharf. He also said that a fence blocking off parking at Island Wharf raised some concerns from residents recently.

"There is a misconception of trailer parking. We sell commercial permits to any entity that uses the docks, piers and parking for the landing," Murphy said. "So, when you see boatyard equipment in the parking lots, they are permitted to be there. ... What I think is happening is we get a complaint or two, and it gets pushed further than it should be pushed."

Malkoski, who is on a subcommittee to address parking in that area, says the Department of Public Works, under the direction of the Select Board, installed that temporary fencing.

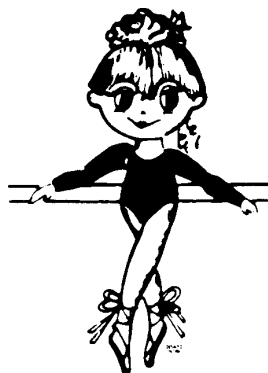
Malkoski said this is a decades-old problem, and he has raised concerns since January. He has also attended three Select Board meetings on the matter. Both he and fellow MRC members say it is an issue that impacts the entire community, including businesses nearby that rely on summer traffic for revenue.

Malkoski said swales in the area have also reduced the parking footprint over the years. The growth of music at the bandstand and weddings being held nearby have only worsened the issue. Murphy reported that on July 4 weekend, there were 400 cars parked in the area. He said that one positive trend is some Marine Division staff members have directed traffic on some busy

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"Hopefully, we will have some creative solutions," Malkoski said. "We want people to use the harbor, but we do not patrol parking permits."

Murphy also unveiled the new harbor master police vessel which was procured through a grant. He said this will come with blue lights and distinct lettering, as well as software to run background checks on boaters. It was mentioned the lights will distinguish it as a police boat only because oftentimes civilian marine staff members patrol the waterways but do not have enforcement authority.

"It will significantly differentiate. People will know, when that boat comes, the police are there," Murphy said.

He said the former harbor master police boat will be auctioned off and revenue will be allocated to the general treasury.

Murphy and the MRC are working on a comprehensive harbor management plan, and Murphy also updated the MRC on 50 moorings without vessels.

Murphy said of those 50, 40 are commercial entities. Those commercial entities will be receiving a letter to resolve the problem. He said the 10 others will get a warning for not having a permit. If they do not pay, they will have to remove the moorings at their own expense.

He also touched upon wind sticks that have been abandoned.

Murphy said for the wind sticks, a good policy to adopt will be to send a letter to those people holding spaces, give them a set timeframe to remove them or harbor master staff members will remove them.

Murphy prefaced a topic for next month's meeting: kayak racks at town waterfronts and people who pay for kayak rental space but are not using them. Murphy proposed that kayak rentals should be done on a first-come, first-serve basis but that topic will be addressed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission was not scheduled at adjournment.

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Wednesday, July 30: Pork Marsala w/ mushrooms, egg noodles, carrots, Hawaiian roll, pudding, diet: fruit.

Thursday, July 31: Chicken Piccata, mashed potatoes, green peas, wheat roll, orange

Friday, Aug 1: Potato pollock, vegetable rice pilaf, kale & peppers, Hawaiian roll, oatmeal cookie, tartar sauce.

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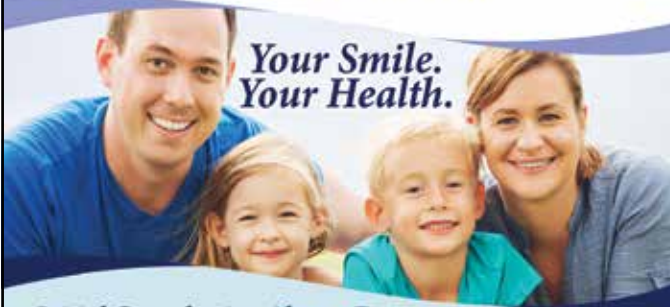
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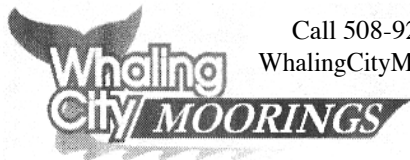
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To the Editor;

On May 12, Mattapoisett voters approved Article 34, which would expand the Select Board from three to five members. That open-floor decision is the purest form of local democracy. Yet at their July 17 meeting, the Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee circulated

a handout urging residents to reverse the will of Town Meeting. Every talking point on their flyer has an answer. "Efficiency and agility / Lower cost to taxpayers" Adding two stipends runs about \$15,000 a year, less than 0.05 % of the town's \$35 million budget. That's roughly the cost of one police-cruiser tire change, hardly a drag on efficiency.

"Stronger accountability / Stronger community ties" Five seats give more neighborhoods a voice and voters more choices. With only three seats, one uncontested election can lock the board for six years. A larger board keeps everyone on their toes and broadens accountability.

"Maintains proven structure / No evidence of dysfunction" Mattapoisett's population has nearly doubled since the three-seat structure was adopted. Of the 292 Massachusetts towns with Select Boards, the majority already use five members. Five is now the norm, not an experiment.

"Active engagement / Easier candidate recruitment" A larger board lowers the barrier to entry. Prospective candidates don't have to wait for a rare vacancy or challenge an entrenched incumbent head-on. Fresh talent is invited in rather than crowded out.

"Avoids over-complication / Prevents fractionalism" Five members diffuse, rather than magnify, factional power. A 2-to-1 stalemate is far harder to break than a 3-to-2 majority. Broader quorums encourage collaboration over trench warfare.

"Committees share workload" Town committees have repeatedly asked for more Select Board liaisons because three people can't cover every assignment. Two extra members mean lighter workloads and timelier follow-through.

"Simpler Open Meeting compliance" A three-member board is the least flexible: any two members are a quorum and can't confer outside a posted meeting. With five members, two can research an issue together without violating the law, making compliance easier, not harder.

"Peer-town comparison" Among Massachusetts communities of similar size (10,000-20,000 residents), the overwhelming majority operate with five-member boards. Mattapoisett is swimming against the current, not setting an example.

The committee's flyer frames "three" as cheaper, simpler, and more accountable. The facts show the opposite: the cost is negligible, transparency improves with more voices, and five seats better reflect 2025 Mattapoisett than a model designed for a much smaller town.

Town Meeting spoke. Let's respect that vote and let our petition to Beacon Hill proceed without delay. Our community deserves representation as broad and forward-looking as the challenges we face.

Jeanne Hopkins, Mattapoisett



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To the Editor;

The GOP's Disturbing War on Voters' Voices.

In a healthy democracy, the will of the people is sacrosanct. Elections are held, votes are counted and the outcome, whether popular or painful, is respected.

In Massachusetts, and in particular, in Mattapoissett, the town meeting form of government is a system whereby citizens directly participate in enacting local laws, passing budgets, and authorizing town spending. It's a form of direct democracy where registered voters can attend, speak, and vote on matters presented at the meeting, typically outlined in a published Warrant. Mattapoissett's form of local government is Open Town Meeting.

At an Open Town Meeting, any registered voter may attend and vote on all, or only some, of the matters presented in the Warrant. Attendance is by no means required. The Warrant is circulated well in advance of the meeting date, and it is the responsibility of the voter to educate themselves on the topics covered in each Article and Robert's Rules of Order.

On May 12, 2025, Mattapoissett held its Annual Open Town Meeting and presented voters with a Warrant comprised of 34 Articles on which to vote. Article 34 was the Citizens' Petition proposing to expand our current select board from 3 to 5 members. It was the last Article on the warrant as is typical with Citizens' Petitions.

Article 34 was advanced on the warrant from



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the last item to be voted on to the 5th. In advance of our Town Meeting, select board member Tyler Macallister appeared on a local radio talk show and discussed how he had planned to ask that Article 34 be moved up on the warrant and encouraged registered voters to vote against it. Neither this sponsor nor its proponents of the Article played any part in asking the Moderator to advance the Article on the warrant for voting purposes. With no objection being raised, Article 34 was voted on as the 5th matter.

There was vigorous debate in the public forum, and after an effort to derail voting on the substance of Article 34 was voted down, Town Meeting voters approved Article 34 to increase our select board to



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5 members by a simple majority, all that was legally required. The Moderator always has discretion to call the vote based on a show of hands or by voice and there was no objection at the time to the vote count nor a request for an actual count under Robert's Rules of Order.

After two subsequent Select Board meetings, the Board conceded that legally they could not impede the submission of the Citizen's Petition to our State Legislative delegation for filing of Legislation, the first step in the process of becoming law. However, not before certain members of our Select Board attempted to argue that the vote on this Article was somehow invalid because attendees left after voting and didn't stay for the remainder of the meeting; or they felt the vote was further

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invalidated because non-registered voters participated in the vote, for which there was no evidence.

In recent years we have seen a growing faction within the Republican Party take a very dark turn, one that undermines the very foundations of democratic rule. We are experiencing a dangerous trend not just of questioning election outcomes, but of actively working to override or suppress them.

Across the Country we have seen state legislatures stripping power from elected officials simply because they are Democrats. We have read about partisan election boards refusing to certify the results of elections they don't like. There have been documented instances of brazen gerrymandering and purging of voter rolls in an effort to dilute the voice of Democratic voters.

The GOP nationally has embraced tactics that prioritize political control over public consent. The seismic moment in this movement was Trump's refusal to accept the outcome of the 2020 election which he lost. Since then, the GOP across the country, including here now locally in Mattapoisett, has led efforts to subvert the will of the voters.

As an example of this disturbing trend, look no further than what Chair of the Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee is advocating. The Mattapoisett GOP Chair is circulating a Citizen's Petition which seeks to override and suppress the will of Mattapoisett voters by "repealing Article 34". Article 34 passed at Town Meeting by the simple majority legally required.

The hypocrisy of the GOP is staggering. This party claims to be a champion of freedom and local control. Yet, when those freedoms lead to outcomes they disagree with, it abandons principle for power. This should be alarming to all voters.

Democracy is not a partisan issue. You don't have to be a Democrat, Republican or anything in between to recognize the danger in refusing to honor the voice of the voters. When anyone, whether they be elected politicians or a local political party leader, tries to silence, suppress or sideline voters to cling to control, we are no longer talking about democratic disagreement. We are talking about authoritarian drift.

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The voters of Mattapoisett have spoken. Silence in the face of erosion is complicity. Listen to their voices and accept the outcome of the vote at Town Meeting. Drop the efforts to repeal Article 34.

Respectfully,

Nicki Demakis, Author of Citizen's Petition/  
Article 34  
Mattapoisett

### Academic Achievements

**Gracie McCarthy** of Marion received a B.A. in Public Relations and **Anthony Steele** of Rochester received a B.S. in Finance received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2025 at Roger Williams University.

**Katherine Solowey**, of Mattapoisett has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the spring 2025 semester.

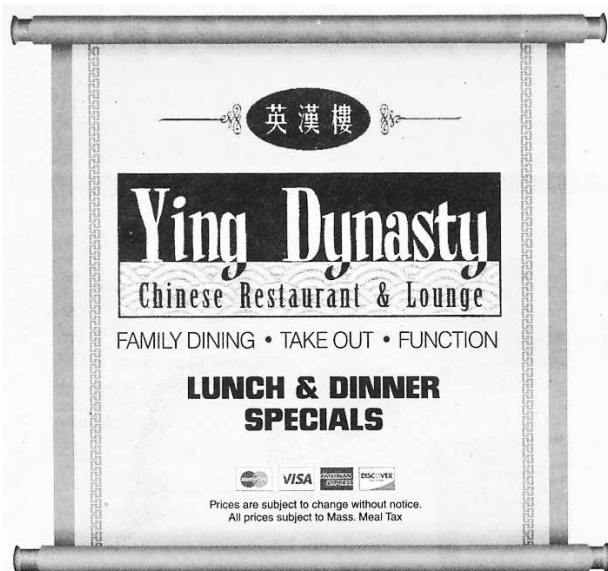
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**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2025

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30, Lecture begins at 6:00.

**Reception to Follow:** Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks, hors d'oeuvres & sweets

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We appreciate your patience during this transition.

### Large Whale Vocalizations

The Marion Natural History Museum will host Large Whale Vocalizations on **July 25**, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Erin Burke, Protected Species Program Manager - MA Division of Marine Fisheries, will be sharing DMF's new passive acoustic monitoring network in Massachusetts state waters and adjacent areas. These monitors collect information on large whale vocalizations, including the endangered North Atlantic right whale. DMF will use this information to enhance our understanding of the spatial and temporal presence of large whales; inform dynamic management of season fishing gear closures and vessel speed restrictions to protect right whales; and aid in the development of effective and efficient conservation measures. Let's learn more about how this study will be helpful in protecting our local whale populations. A \$10.00 donation to the Marion Natural History Museum is greatly appreciated.

### Donation Days

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library will be hosting a "Donation Day" at the library at 8 Spring Street in Marion on Saturday, **July 26**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The "Donation Days" are in anticipation of the annual Summer Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, August 8 & 9, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Music Hall in Marion located at 164 Front Street.

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10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - Percy Brown House  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
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7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
8:30 PM Paltrowitz  
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9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
10:00 PM For Your Health  
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

**Saturday July 26, 2025**

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
9:30 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events  
10:30 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze  
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
1:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
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5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Cathedral at Notre Dame  
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater  
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
8:30 PM Paltrowitz  
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 PM A Conversation with...  
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
10:30 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Classic Movies

**Sunday July 27, 2025**

6:00 AM Health Source  
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church  
11:00 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze  
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3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
3:30 PM NolanFest 2025  
7:00 PM Old Colony Graduation  
10:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

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9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift on Europe  
10:30 AM A Conversation With...  
11:00 AM For Your Health  
11:30 AM Money Matters  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters  
2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
3:00 PM Paltrowitz  
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
4:30 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events  
6:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peggs Francis

7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women's Involvement in the History of Preservation in New England  
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - From Submarine Vents to Life on Other Ocean Worlds!  
10:00 PM The Collective Chat  
10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

**Tuesday July 29, 2025**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches  
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
10:30 AM The Collective Chat  
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Volunteering - Walts Mobile Closet  
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk  
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Percy Brown House  
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

**Wednesday July 30, 2025**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
8:30 AM For Your Health

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
3:30 PM Old Colony Graduation  
4:30 PM ORR Graduation  
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
6:00 PM Building the Future  
6:30 PM Pete on the Street  
7:00 PM World Fusion Show  
7:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra  
9:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music

## MARION

### GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 39**

**Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
9:00 AM Marion Planning Board  
9:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
10:30 AM Marion School Committee  
12:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
1:00 PM Marion Board of Health  
1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee  
2:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee  
3:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
4:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
6:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission  
6:30 PM Marion Planning Board  
7:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
8:00 PM Marion School Committee  
9:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
10:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
11:00 PM Marion Finance Committee

## ROCHESTER

### GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 40**

**Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board  
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
10:00 AM Rochester School Committee  
12:00 PM ORR School Committee  
12:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
2:30 PM Rochester Select Board  
3:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
5:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
7:30 PM ORR School Committee  
8:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
10:00 PM Rochester Select Board  
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission

## EDUCATION

### CHANNEL

**Comcast Channel 8**

**Verizon Channel 37**

**Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM ORR School Committee  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM MIAA DIV 3 State Finals - ORR Boys Basketball vs Norwell  
2:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne  
3:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Bishop Stang  
4:30 PM ORR Promenade  
5:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Case  
8:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Bourne  
9:00 PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven  
10:30 PM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang

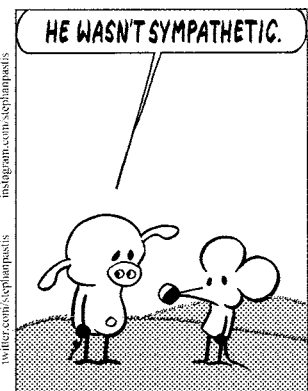
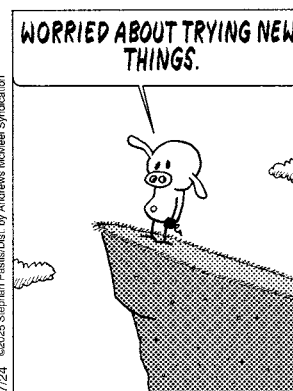
## MATTAPOISETT

### GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 38**

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Friends will accept donations on Thursday, August 7 and Friday, August 8 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Music Hall.

Please do not bring donations to the Elizabeth Taber Library outside of the Friends' hosted "Donation Days" as volunteers will not be available to accept and sort items.

For the event, books in good condition (no textbooks) are requested, as well as items like DVDs, puzzles, games, and Legos. If you wouldn't give it to a friend, please don't donate it to the library. All proceeds support programming at the library.

On the days of the Book Sale, please feel free to bring non-perishable food, the Friends will have a table at the event to accept these donations. Donated food and unsold items will be brought to Damien's Food Pantry in Wareham.

### A Night at the Movies That's Out of This World

On Friday, **July 25**, the Marion Concert Band continues its Friday evening concert series with a program of music based on two themes. The first half of the program will feature soundtrack music from a variety of motion pictures and TV shows. The second half of the program will feature movie music with a "space" theme.

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Toby Monte, euphonium  
Jurassic Park Soundtrack Highlights - J. Williams  
Prime Time Toon Revue - arr. T. Ricketts  
Hooray for Hollywood - arr. W. Barker  
Bond...James Bond - arr. S. Bulla  
Star Trek Through the Years - J. Moss  
Themes from Lost in Space - J. Williams  
Theme from E.T. - J. Williams

## TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



### MARION

#### Log highlights July 13 – July 19

- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Spring St – Animal complaint
- Hastings Rd - Lockout
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Seaside Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Paper service/arrest
- Spring St – General service
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Wareham Rd – B&E/past
- Spring St - Lockout
- River Rd – Paper service
- Mill St – Missing person
- Register Rd - Transport
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Planting Island Rd – Parking
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Village Dr – General offense
- Spring St – Found property
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Converse Rd – General service/citation
- Brookhaven Ln - Disturbance
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Main St – Parking enforcement
- Point Rd – Parking enforcement
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Point Rd - Disturbance

### MATTAPOISETT

#### Log highlights July 13 – July 19

- Water St – MV violations
- Eldorado Dr – MV violations
- Mattakisset Rd – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Property lost
- Laura Ln – Health/welfare
- Field St – Follow up investigation
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Woodland Ave – Follow up investigation
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Property lost
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd - Complaint
- Route 195 West – MV crash
- Randall Rd – MV lockout
- Reservation Rd – Animal control
- Island St – Assist citizen
- County Rd – MV crash
- Mechanic St – Property lost
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – Harassment(criminal)
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Field St – Follow up investigation
- Union Ave – Medical assist
- Church St – Parking violation
- Bay St – Harbormaster emergency
- Water St – Ambulance request
- Cannon St – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – Officer wanted
- Cannon St – Medical assist

### ROCHESTER

#### Log highlights July 13 – July 19

- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Animal control
- Stevens Rd - Larceny
- Marys Pond Rd – Well-being check
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Outside investigation
- Walnut Plain Rd – General services
- North Ave – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – Well-being check
- Forbes Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd – Erratic MV
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Bennett Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Rounseville Rd – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Stuart Rd – Traffic complaint
- Maxim Rd – Suspicious item
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cushman Rd – Animal complaint
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cushman Rd – Animal control

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).

The Trombone King - K. L. King

Toby Monte, euphonium soloist, has performed with the Massachusetts All-State Band, the New Bedford Symphony Youth Orchestra, the UMass Dartmouth Wind Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra, St. Cecilia Philharmonic Band, and the Tri-County Symphonic Band. He has been a member of the Marion Concert Band since 2011.

The concert will be held at the Robert Broomhead

Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front Street in Marion. The program, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will begin at 7:00 pm. All concerts are free and open to the public. "Like" us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for up-to-date announcements and rain cancellation notices.

### Mattapoisett Town Band

The Mattapoisett Town Band would like to thank

## OBITUARIES



**Ruth J. (Dvorak) Souza**, 99, of Mattapoisett died July 16, 2025 at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Winfield F. Jenney and Frank E. Souza.

Born in New Bedford on October 13, 1925, daughter of the late Rudolph and Olive M. (Pardee) Dvorak, she lived in

Mattapoisett most of her life.

She was a graduate of New Bedford High School, class of 1943. Upon graduating from high school, she was employed at the Merchants Bank for 6 years then worked for the law firm of Walsh & Bently. Her last and final employment was at Old Rochester Regional High School in the Superintendent's office and a bookkeeper.

Her many hobbies were knitting, basket weaving, needlepoint and square dancing on the Mattapoisett wharf in the summer with her husband Win.

She was a member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, Mattapoisett Women's Club, Mattapoisett Historical Society and Agawam Chapter O.E.S.

She is survived by her step-son, Paul Souza and his wife MaryLou; her stepdaughter-in-law, Janet Jenney; many step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and cousins.

She was the step-mother of the late David Jenney.

Her Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, July 24th at 10 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Visiting hours are omitted. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, Post Office Box 284 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For online guestbook, please visit [www.saunders-dwyer.com](http://www.saunders-dwyer.com)

*If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at [office@wanderer.com](mailto:office@wanderer.com).*



**Nancy Briggs Tinkham**, age 87, of Mattapoisett, died on Tuesday July 15, 2025.

Born in New Bedford on May 19, 1938, the daughter of the late Milton Briggs and Leah (Pardington) Briggs. She was the sister of Susan Sylvia.

Nancy was a graduate of New Bedford High School in 1955, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, participated in Allied Youth, and proudly served as a majorette with the school band.

Nancy went on to attend the University of Connecticut College of Nursing, where she earned honor roll recognition and was inducted into the White Caps and Tassels honors society. While at UConn, she also served as a student counselor and was active on the dormitory social committee.

After college, she worked in the pediatric department at New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center. Then she worked at a pediatrician in Boston. After that, she worked as a resident nurse until her marriage to Howard Tinkham on May 22nd 1965.

Nancy enjoyed traveling all over the world. She was a fantastic tennis player, Scrabble player, and an exceptional cook and entertainer. She hosted numerous parties for friends and family.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Tinkham Baum, her husband David Baum, and their children, Jessica, Jason, and Jacob Baum, all of Lake Zurich, IL. She is also survived by her sister, Susan Sylvia, her husband Edward Sylvia, and their children, Matthew and Marjorie. She is also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to either the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, <https://www.cff.org/> donate or a charity of your choice.



Friends of the late **David Holmes** are cordially invited to a Memorial Gathering, Friday, August 1, 4:00-8:00, 93C Piney Point Road, Marion. Questions? Lindy Williamson (508)733-2800.



everyone who attended the Latin American Celebration Concert last Wednesday.

Our next concert will take place on **July 30**, 7:00 pm at Shipyard Park. At this performance, we will celebrate our 125th anniversary as the Mattapoisett Town Band. Representatives from the town and the state will join us to help celebrate our 125th year. The concert program will feature some town band favorites, as well as a John Philip Sousa march that is also celebrating 125 years.

### Mattapoisett Yacht Club Race Results.

The battle continues on Tuesday night in the Ensign class as Black Ice and Odyssey again end up tied after the two races. Similar to last week, Black Ice winning the first race and Odyssey the second. Both boats finished second in their other race leaving Odyssey the winner in yet another tie breaker. Both boats share first place in the July Series. Right behind them Brass Monkey beat out Brou Ha Ha in a tie breaker for third place for the night. This leaves only one point between Brass Monkey, Brou Ha Ha and Uncle Fester for the third spot in the hotly contested July Series.

Wednesday Night PHRF Series - Kindred Spirit continues on its hot streak winning its third straight race in the A fleet July series. Restless came in second with Surprise third, No Quarter Given fourth and Coconuts fifth.

In B fleet there is a protest filed by Fir Na Tine against Kinsail and the outcome of the protest has a huge impact on the nights' results. Kinsail ended up the winner of the race but if disqualified Chickadee would become the new winner having come in second to Kinsail. Lindisfarne, finishing third may move into second and Fir Na Tine May move to third. Rounding out the B fleet are Big Dipper in fifth and Seven Belles in sixth. There's still 2 races left in the series, and this protest is definitely shaking things up.

### Mattapoisett Museum

The Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, is delighted to announce its upcoming events for August that are open to the community and are sure to please. For more information on all of these programs, please consult [mattapoisettmuseum.org/events](http://mattapoisettmuseum.org/events).

The Great Community Picnic will be held on Thursday, **August 7**, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Munro Preserve adjacent to the town wharf. This event, hosted by the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Museum, will provide tables, chairs, and tablecloths. Attendees bring their own food, utensils & plates. Live music will be provided by Gary Brown & Bill Santos. Tables available for 4 (\$160), 6 (\$240), 8 (\$320) or 10 (\$400) dinners. A place at the community table costs \$40. Buy a ticket for the community table or buy a table.

Tickets are available online and sales will end on

Monday, July 28 or when they sell out, whichever comes first. Make plans now to join the Museum for this festive, memorable evening.

On Saturday, **August 9**, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm the Museum will host Hot Club Cheese Roll, back by popular demand with a trio that stars Jason Smith (guitar), John Birt (guitar), and Mark Russell (violin). Founded by guitarist Jason Smith in 2016 and inspired by the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephan Grappelli of The Hot Club of France, they will perform a mix of music of pre-WWII jazz and of jazz standards as well as more contemporary hits interpreted in the gypsy jazz / hot club style. Entrance to hear The Hot Club Cheese Roll costs \$18.00 to Mattapoisett Museum's members; non-members' entrance fee is \$20.00.

Mark T. Small will perform on **August 16** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Museum. Mark is an internationally recognized musician and entertainer who has performed in numerous venues throughout the United States & Europe. His CD was named Best Acoustic Blues Album in 2014, and his recordings have reached the top 20 on National Music Charts.

You will hear Mark's signature, foot stomping blues, boogie, early rock and honky-tonk selections. Instrumental selections include: *America The Beautiful*, *Amazing Grace*, *Autumn Leaves*, *Maple Leaf Rag*, and many other dazzling, fancy guitar arrangements. Entrance to hear Mark T. Small costs \$18.00 to Mattapoisett Museum's



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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Natural History Museum's Coastal Explorations summer program had a chance to view some of the area's amphibian and reptile species at Washburn Park last week. The kids found painted turtles, a garter snake, bull frog tadpoles, green frog tadpoles and salamander larvae. All animals were inspected by the kids and then released in the same locations from which they were collected. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



On July 16, the Marion Natural History Museum's community group had a chance to explore some of our local butterfly species. We found a Clouded Sulphur, Eastern tailed blue, Monarchs, Little Wood Satyrs, Common Wood Nymphs, and two Pearl Crescents. We also learned to identify some of their host plants



including Butterfly Weed, Milkweed, Sweet Pepperbush and Mountain Mint. The Museum wishes to thank Andrew Griffith of the Massachusetts Butterfly Association for sharing his expertise with our group. Our next programs are Large Whale Acoustics at 6:30 pm on Friday, July 25, papermaking with state forester at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 30, Amazing Animal Ambassadors on Monday, August 4, at 2:00 pm, and Early Life History of the Humpback Whale at 6:30 on Friday, August 8. If you'd like to register for any of these programs, please visit [marionmuseum.org](http://marionmuseum.org). Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



Mike Hickey presented to Peter Hemingway, a well deserved "Silver Sneaker" award and another thoughtful gift before he retires to upstate New York. We wished him the very best and will miss his play and cheerful approach to every point! All the best, Peter and family. MCTA serves senior tennis players from all over the Southcoast and is always welcome to new members. You may call Ellen Foss at 978-844-1117 or Mike Hickey at 781-888-1110

These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)





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### Seahorse Explorer Summer Campers

The Recreation Department's Seahorse Explorer Summer Campers theme of the week was "Mattapoisett is Special," and to discover why, campers headed to the Mattapoisett Museum just around the corner from their home base at Center School. Campers ages 4-7 (Starfish and Crabs) and ages 8-12 (Rays and Sharks) visited on consecutive days.

Curator and Administrator Connor E. Gaudet introduced them to some pertinent vocabulary about artifacts. The Rays and Sharks enjoyed a walk through the village to learn stories about Mattapoisett's history



from Carole Clifford and Lee Heald. They also participated in a scavenger hunt through the Museum as Education Team volunteers explained the meaning or significance of certain displays or artifacts.

The Crabs and Starfish enjoyed a seek and find activity with pictures of artifacts on their papers. When they found an item with their group, they

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Free Man

By Rob Gonsalves  
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**Sovereign.** Starring Nick Offerman and Jacob Tremblay. Directed by Christian Swegal. Running time: 100 minutes. MPAA rating: R. In limited theatrical release and on home streaming.

Don't sleep on *Sovereign*, a despairing but clear-eyed and emotionally detailed almost-thriller. It takes as its subject the strain of American individualism that sees the government as all-invasive and all-controlling, and that seeks to combat it with legal chicanery and pugnacious rhetoric and, if need be, violence. There's a fair amount of gun-waving in the marketing for *Sovereign*, but it's more of a somber drama and character study about a man, Jerry Kane (Nick Offerman), who considers himself a sovereign citizen, and his son Joe (Jacob Tremblay), who travels with him in their "conveyance" as Jerry gives lectures about how to stick it to The Man and collects the audience's crumpled cash.

We see that Jerry loves Joe, and tries to be a good father as he conceives of that concept. But Jerry has been driven around the bend (we later find out about a possible animating trauma), his entire life has become about rebellion, and he's afraid of losing Joe to legitimate school and thus to the Real World of bureaucratic meddling and corruption. Jerry's line of patter sounds thin, but it's supposed to: Jerry is an unemployed roofer, not a slickster salesman. He's also undeniably intelligent, but his mania has sent him down rabbit holes of resentful resistance.

Nick Offerman's work as this broken man, who is also capable of gentleness and humor and only becomes truly dangerous when pushed to the wall by the desperation and horror he has made for himself, is unforgettable. I've seen him play fascist caricatures before, where that sort of cartoon was appropriate, but that's not what he does here. Guided by first-time feature director/writer Christian Swegal, Offerman locates Jerry's bruised humanity, constantly on the alert for condescension and offenses to his "freedom," or his very spirit. Jacob Tremblay, as the quiet son, who is beginning to yearn for something beyond being two steps ahead of badges, matches Offerman with a performance that veers between sadness and hope. The scene in which Joe tries to register for school, and is told he needs this and that document he can't possibly have, is anchored by Tremblay's stoic expression of futility.

In a subplot, we meet a police chief, Bouchart



(Dennis Quaid, in a solid and heavy turn), whose own son is a new state trooper. Bouchart's story eventually intersects with the Kanes', and we see the tragic irony of two very different fathers bringing their sons up into a system that doesn't deal well with mental illness, and that imposes its will brutally, as we see in a bit where the new cop practices dominating and being dominated. Jerry's own term for living free of government coercion is "conquering." Inevitably these two opposing forces must clash, accomplishing nothing but taking some lives and mutilating others.

Jerry may be many things, but unique is not one of them. In interviews, Swegal has noted that the sovereign movement, which is an actual thing, boasts 300,000+ members. *Sovereign* takes place in 2010, long predating the problems set before us today, but offers in its own mostly undemonstrative way one explanation of how we got here. There will always be a streak of anti-government animosity in the American DNA. And it's not always — perhaps even not *usually* — wrong to feel that way. But when it becomes attached to a *dogma*, a counter-system as belief system, and when *that's* attached to conspiratorial thinking that identifies someone or something as the One True Way, that's the closed system of logic that signifies a cult.

Joe says his father wants him to be an independent thinker. Yes, an independent thinker who thinks exactly like Jerry. The way we can tell *Sovereign* doesn't use its hot-button premise for cheap amoral thrills is that it ends not on a note of violence but on a softer note of compassion and support. Women don't have much place in a story like this which examines toxic masculinity that flourishes without women; Martha Plimpton plays a woman at loose ends who Jerry helps with legal matters, and it's tough to know if their relationship goes any further. Swegal sticks to the father-son dynamic on either side. Ultimately *Sovereign* asks what fathers are teaching their sons, and it makes that seem like a large question, possibly even the biggest question. Who is that kid being trained to dominate and conquer? And for whom, and why?

received a sticker to put on it.

All campers wrapped up with Gaudet and were given time for sharing their favorite artifacts in the Museum and to ask questions. The 1940s phone, the blacksmith shop with its huge bellows, anvil and tools, the model of the saltworks and its pans and covers as well as the diorama of the Wampanoag village were all mentioned as favorites.

Campers and volunteers left after their visits with a better idea of why Mattapoisett IS so special.

### St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Visiting priest, The Rev. Nathan Humphrey, Rector, St. Thomas's Church, Toronto, Canada will conduct services at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, next to the Town Beach, in Mattapoisett on Sunday **July 27**. Services, using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, will be held at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

### Hello from Plumb Library

Are you a crafter who has too many supplies and needs to downsize? Did you have a hobby that you no longer do, but you still have all the "stuff"? Is there a craft closet in your house you'd like to reclaim? Maybe you're looking to try a new craft, but don't want to spend a ton of money to get started. The Friends of Plumb Library can help you out with all of that.

We are collecting craft supplies, in resale condition, for an upcoming sale. Fabric, yarn, notions, patterns, crafting books, hooks and needles, sewing machines, embroidery hoops and floss, scrapbooking supplies, kids craft kits, and more. We'll take it all. Drop off your donations any time the Library is open (see hours below) from now until August 16.

The sale will be held **August 22 and 23**, with more information to be posted as the dates get closer. All proceeds from this sale go to the Friends and directly benefit the Library's programing, events, supplies, and special collections for children and adults.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library, membership forms are available at the Library or via our website. If you'd like more information on the Friends and what they do to support the Library, please attend their next meeting: 6:00 pm Thursday **August 31**, at the Library.

Library hours: Monday / Thursday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday / Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; closed on Sundays and Holidays. Contact us: call 508-763-8600 or email at [info@plumblibrary.com](mailto:info@plumblibrary.com) during regular hours. Check our Events Calendar, Newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram pages for information, upcoming events, and more.

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### From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

As mentioned previously, Rochester had many one and two-room schools scattered around town. This enabled students to walk to and from school, though many walked as much as a mile in all kinds of weather. Over time many of the smaller ones were closed and schools became more centralized. This led to a school bus being provided in the 30's and 40's.

Over the years there were a variety of bus drivers including "a bleached blonde woman" who was purportedly a poor driver as well as scandalizing the riders with her hair coloring. The bus had bars over the windows to keep children from sticking their heads out and so was dubbed the "Chicken Coop". Reading through



the Rochester Journals it would seem that the most memorable bus driver was Tuck Hartley.

The Waterman School was built in 1833 near the home of George Waterman, hence the name. As older schools were closed, some of the buildings were moved to the Waterman to increase its capacity. The town also leased the Academy from the Church to accommodate

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## ACROSS

- 1 Gender-inclusive pronoun phrase  
8 Recording on a cassette  
14 Drab military wear  
20 Jostled, in a way  
21 Fill with love  
22 Wear away  
23 1987 Nicolas Cage crime comedy  
25 Evening party  
26 Second-string sports squad  
27 Screw up  
28 Revered Fr. woman  
30 Singer Anita  
31 "Absolutely!"  
32 1991 Denzel Washington drama  
39 Certain Slav  
40 Novelist Gay  
41 "Help!" asea  
42 1999 Russell Crowe comedy-drama  
47 Tango move  
49 Actor Linden  
52 Wear away  
53 Cribbage pins  
54 Voluntarily

- 56 Messy sort  
57 Executive nix  
59 1961 Elvis Presley romantic comedy  
61 Take an ax to  
62 Amigo  
63 Got close to  
66 Ronstadt of song  
67 1978 Maggie Smith comedy  
71 Pretend to be  
74 Pontificated  
75 "— Miniver"  
76 37-Down container  
79 1984 Harry Dean Stanton road movie  
82 Maple fluids  
84 Jestling Jay  
85 Tablelands, French-style  
86 Org. looking for aliens  
88 Deserve  
89 Ecol. or biol.  
90 Film bomb  
91 2004 Olsen twins teen comedy  
95 "General" on a Chinese menu  
97 Even (with)

- 99 Fleming and McKellen  
100 1991 River Phoenix drama  
105 Morning times, in brief  
108 — avis  
109 Dusting cloth  
110 Talking- — (lectures)  
111 Smack the baseball hard  
113 Flaxen-haired woman  
115 Fictitious college whose name would be fitting for this puzzle  
121 Apple media player  
122 Quiz show fodder  
123 Designed to fit most people  
124 Argon and radon  
125 Shiny fabrics  
126 Ingredient in emollients

## DOWN

- 1 Well-seasoned, in a way  
2 Fill with joy

- 3 Some theater awards  
4 Parks who stayed put  
5 Pool contest  
6 Pullet, e.g.  
7 Slips past carefully  
8 Naturalist  
9 DiFranco of song  
10 La —, Bolivia  
11 "I believe," to a texter  
12 Prefix with profit  
13 Holds firmly  
14 DJ Casey  
15 "Watchmen" network  
16 Melodious  
17 Reality TV family name  
18 Paragon  
19 "Adios!"  
24 Skill, to Cato  
29 Many a '60s T-shirt  
33 Sale bin abbr.  
34 Antlered deer  
35 Get lippy with  
36 Sort  
37 Soup veggie  
38 Road paving materials  
39 Wild guess

- 42 Net fabric  
43 Harvard rival  
44 Pack away  
45 Germane  
46 "Il Trovatore" heroine  
48 German "I"  
50 Caustic liquid  
51 Sister of Luke  
54 Amigos  
55 Tot's injury  
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58 Director Roth  
59 Soft cheese  
60 Brings about  
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64 Epochs  
65 Wee colonist  
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68 Actor Jamie  
69 Sports arbiter  
70 TeleTax org.  
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72 Class taken after trig  
73 Like turncoats  
76 Land of Lima  
77 Tending to the matter  
78 Lavish love (on)  
80 Fraternity "T"  
81 Writer Welty

- 83 Inhaled stuff  
84 Eye part  
86 Smack hard  
87 Literary Jane  
88 Studies as a secondary focus  
91 Like sailors' mil. branch  
92 Ecol. monitor  
93 South Korean compact car  
94 — -jongg  
96 "— Way" (Proust novel volume)  
98 Dark periods  
100 Head honcho  
101 Crimean port  
102 Part of UPI  
103 "— my pleasure"  
104 "Cook-a-doodle- —!"  
105 "... to fetch — of water"  
106 Actress Gaynor or McCall  
107 Artist Jan  
112 "You never had — good!"  
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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A misunderstanding tests the temperament of the sometimes headstrong ARIES. But instead of blowing your top, take time for a pleasant diversion while things cool down.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A workplace problem could make the divine Bovine see red, but talk it out before you consider walking out. Some surprising facts emerge that could change your earlier focus.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You face a choice between ignoring your uneasy feelings about your relationship with a special person and demanding explanations. A close friend offers wise counsel.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A change you'd been hoping for carries an unexpected complication. Stay the course, and things will work themselves out. Also, be sure to make time for family and friends.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor spending time with loved ones. On the job, new ideas are generally welcomed, but some demands for changes could cause problems. Be ready to defend your choices.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Good news: A workplace problem is close to being resolved with results that should please everyone. Take time off to indulge in your love of fun and games.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Most of the time, you are the most unflappable person around. But be ready to be thrown off-balance in the nicest way when Cupid takes aim in your direction.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's not often when someone tries to "sting" the sharp-witted SCORPION, but it can happen. Continue to be skeptical about anything that seems too good to be true.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your strong sense of self-esteem helps you serve as a role model for someone who needs personal reassurances. Your efforts pay off in an unexpected way.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Someone close considers revealing a painful secret. Withhold judgment. Instead, open your generous heart and offer dollops of your love and understanding.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your talents as a peacemaker are called upon once more as an old problem reemerges with new complications. Move cautiously to avoid falling into hidden traps.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your artistic side is enhanced with the reception given to your new project. Use this success as encouragement toward fulfilling your larger goals.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your natural sense of leadership is combined with a deep sense of responsibility. People trust you to give them both guidance and understanding.  
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the ever- increasing numbers of schoolchildren.

As early as 1923, there was a call to build a new schoolhouse in the Center District, but nothing came of it. With student population growing and buildings aging, concerns were raised again. Deliberations began in the 1930's as to the possibility of a new consolidated school being built. Under Superintendent of Schools, Arthur B. Webber, talks continued until finally in 1952, close to 25 years later, the town voted to build a school big enough for all of the town's students. The Rochester Memorial School was built on the site of the Waterman School.

In a town where "waste not, want not" must have been the motto, the Waterman School building was moved to a nearby site where it became the fire station



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and continues that role today, and so the building built in 1833 has been in use (no doubt with some retrofitting) as the home of Rochester's fire- fighting equipment for over 70 years.

The picture with this article is of a postcard that my grandmother sent to her mother in 1916 to share a picture of "where she went to work" each day.

### Time for Summer Clean Outs

The Rochester Historical Society is looking for those items that are still in good working order but which you no longer want or need. We are looking for clean, serviceable items that you would want to buy, that is if you weren't giving them away. We really appreciate it

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Another year, another Harbor Days, and another successful effort on behalf of the Mattapoissett Lions Club to raise funds for the good of the community. Robert Haley



Robert Pina shared this photo of a coyote on the prowl on Point Road in Marion.



Ruth Griffin shared this photo take on Ship Street in Mattapoissett



Solo artists Eric Beau recently performed at Harbor Days brining a unique blend of music through live looping to the south coast music scene. Photo courtesy Eric Beau

**These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)**



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We're happy to take small, working electronics (lamps, can openers, coffee pots, hot plates, etc.), but we can't take TVs of any size. We do take books, CDs, toys, small furniture, Christmas decorations, bedspreads and more. However, we don't take clothing.

The sale will be on **August 2 and 3** at the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Rd., Rochester on Saturday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The remaining drop-

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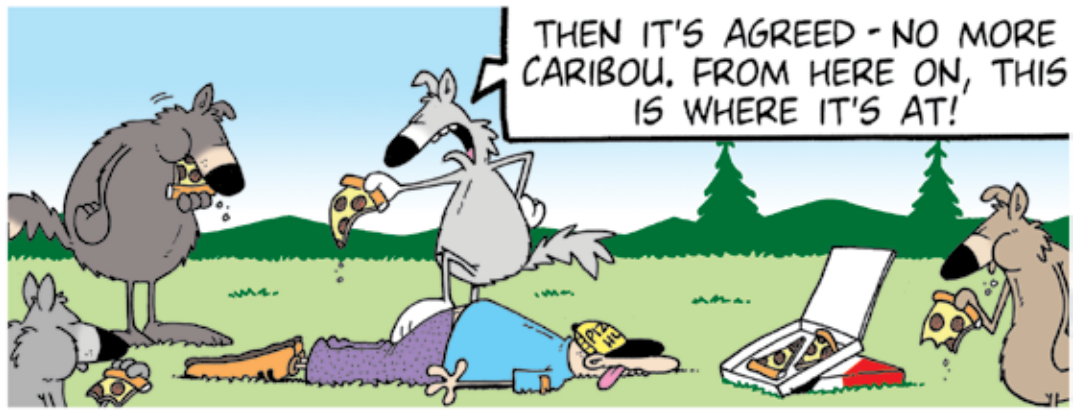
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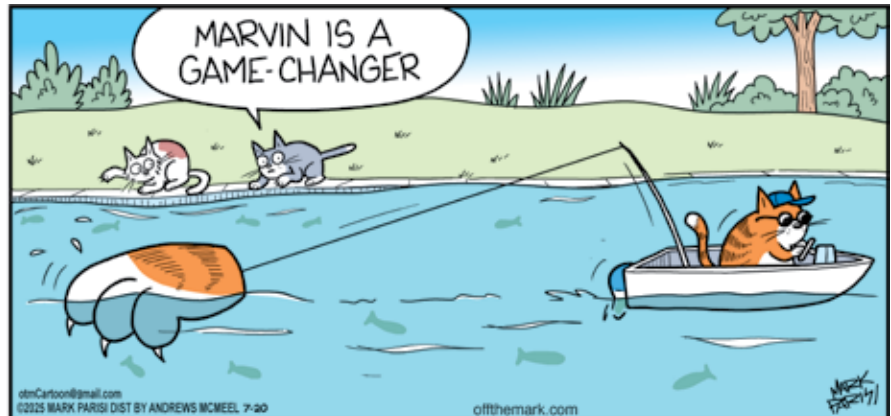
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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



off date is July 29 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you have missed our other dates and need to drop things off at a different time, please call 617-750-2818.

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Young readers can visit the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout June for exciting library programs. Our Book Explorers program for grades 1-3 meets at 11:00 am on Tuesdays or 2:00 pm on Thursdays. Library Adventurers for grades 4-6 meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm or 11:00 am on Thursdays. Make crafts, discover exciting new books, and level up at your library this summer.

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library will be hosting "Donation Days" at the library on Saturday, Saturday, **July 26**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in anticipation of the annual Summer Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, August 8 and August 9, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Music Hall in Marion located at 164 Front Street. Additionally, Friends will accept donations on Thursday, August 7 and Friday, August 8 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Music Hall. Books in good condition (no textbooks) are requested, as well as items like DVDs, puzzles, games, and Legos. All proceeds support programming at the library. Please do not bring donations to the Elizabeth Taber Library outside of the Friends' hosted Donation Days.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is excited to host baseball players from the Wareham Gatemen at 10:30 am on Friday, July 25. Listen to the players read stories and then play catch.

In lieu of our regular story time on Wednesday, July 30 we'll be hosting children's musician Matt Heaton for a special concert at 11:00 am. Come prepared to sing and dance along to a lively, engaging show. This program is recommended for kids ages 0-5, but all are welcome.

Prepare your stuffed animal for a special sleepover. Kids of all ages are invited to drop a stuffed animal off at the Library before 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 7 and then pick them up after 12:00 pm on Friday, August 8. You'll be able to read all about their adventures and receive a special picture of your stuffie.

Get in the summer spirit with Campout Storytime on Tuesday, **August 12** at 6:30 pm. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on the library lawn and listen to camping themed stories, explore a tent, and even make s'mores. This program is recommended for kids ages 0-5 and their adults.

Celebrate the end of summer reading with Mini Golf from One Up Games on Friday, **August 15** between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Rain or shine you can come play 9 holes of glowing golf at the Library.

Join the Library throughout the summer for yoga on the lawn, Tuesdays starting at 8:30 am. Please bring your own mat.

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McCormack Building 1 Ashburton Place – Room #601 Boston, MA 02108. 7/24</p> <hr/> <p>ORRS SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>TO: Students or residents planning to attend Bristol County Agricultural High School or Diman Regional Vocational School, or post secondary vocational programs from the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett or Rochester</p> <p>General Laws Chapter 74, Section 7 guarantees a student the right to a vocational education in the subject area of his/her choice. If a student resides in a city or town which does not offer an approved Chapter 74 program in the</p>	<p>chosen subject area (either at the comprehensive high school or at a regional vocational school to which the city or town belongs), the student may apply to another vocational school which offers the program. The student must be accepted by the vocational school. The student must make their intention to attend such a school known to the Superintendent of Schools by April 1 of the preceding school year. This notice applies to the 2025/2026 school year.</p> <p>Parents of secondary school children planning to attend such a school should contact the school authorities. At the Old Rochester Regional High School, contact Michael Devoll, Principal, at 508-758-3745. At the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, contact Silas Coellner, Principal, at 508-758-4928.</p> <p>Post-high school residents should make their requests in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 by February 1 of the preceding school year. Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools Old Rochester Regional School District Massachusetts School Superintendency Union #55. 7/24</p> <hr/> <p>ORRS SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM Notification of Child Find Procedures</p> <p>The Old Rochester Regional and Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester school districts (in accordance with federal and state regulations) provide special education programs designed to meet the needs of children who are attending public and private schools and whose parents or guardians reside in the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. This information applies to all children who reside in the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, including migrants and homeless children.</p> <p>Special education services provided by the public schools are available to all children aged 3 through 21, who have disabilities which prevent them from making progress in school and which require specialized instruction. Eligible areas of disability include autism, development delays, intellectual, sensory/hearing, multiple disabilities, sensory/vision, sensory/deaf-blind, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disabilities and/or health impairments. Parents, guardians or concerned individuals of students who might qualify for special education are encouraged to contact the public school district to determine the eligibility of the child or children. The school districts have annual or more frequent outreach and continuous liaison with the following groups which promotion or transfer of students in need of special education may be expected, or which would include students in need of special education: professionals in community, private nursery schools, day care facilities, group homes, parent organizations, clinical/health care agencies, early intervention programs, private/parochial schools, other agencies/organizations, and the school or schools that are part of the district, including Horace Mann charter schools.</p> <p>The ORR School District provides a full continuum of special education services. Parents or public school licensed professionals may refer a child for evaluation for special education eligibility, if regular education interventions are not successful. Preschool screenings are available multiple times per year in the elementary schools</p>	<p>in the Tri-Town area – look in local papers or call your elementary school for dates and times. ORR and Union #55 Elementary Schools - website: oldrochester.org Director of Student Services – 508-758-2772 Ext. 1942 Early Childhood Coordinator – 508-758-2772 Ext. 1948 Old Rochester Regional High School - 508-758-3745 Old Rochester Regional Junior High School - 508-758-4928 Sippican Elementary School (Marion – Gr. Pre-K-6) 508-748-0100 Center School (Mattapoisett – Gr. Pre-K-3) 508-758-2521 Old Hammondtown School (Mattapoisett – Gr. 4-6) 508-758-6241 Rochester Memorial School (Rochester – Gr. Pre-K-6) 508-763-2049</p> <p>Our school districts have developed Special Education Program Plans for the State Department of Education. These documents are public. Copies are available in the Student Services Office, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For further information about student services, go to <a href="http://www.oldrochester.org/pages/ORR">http://www.oldrochester.org/pages/ORR</a> and click on "Student Services and Special Education" under the pull down menu "Departments".</p> <p>Our Director of Student Services and our Principals are available to answer questions, and we invite your comments about special education in any of our schools. Any parents or members of the community who would like to have input into our planning for special education should call the Director of Student Services at 508-758-2772 x1942, or should plan to attend a meeting of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Please contact the Director of Student Services at the above listing if you are interested in serving on or chairing your town's Parent Advisory Council.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns regarding these laws and how they affect your children, please do not hesitate to contact your local Principal or the Student Services Office. Anyone may obtain copies of special education laws and regulations from the Department of Education, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148-4906 or at their website <a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu">www.doe.mass.edu</a>. 7/24</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing will be held upon the petition of EVERSOURCE to install approximately 63' (feet) of conduit in the Right of Way of Park Lane, Mattapoisett. This proposed location is necessary to provide service to 3 Park Lane.</p> <p>The Hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 6:35 pm. Board meeting also available via ZOOM. Sign on information is on the town website.</p> <p>Jordan C. Collyer, R. Tyler Macallister, Jodi L. Bauer. 7/24</p> <hr/> <p><b>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day - 7 days a week on-line at <a href="http://www.wanderer.com">www.wanderer.com</a></b></p>



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### Music From Land's End

Music From Land's End Wareham announces its 2025 Summer Concerts. On **July 26** and **August 8** at 7:00 pm, concert musicians will perform two programs at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion. In July, enjoy songs by Beethoven, Schubert, Theodorakis and others. In August, Iconic Piano Trios with Pianist Gideon Rubin will complete the series. Entrance is by donation with free seating.

### MAC Theater presents "Miss Witherspoon"

The MAC Theater Presents the darkly funny Christopher Durang classic, Miss Witherspoon, directed by Kate Fishman. Performances are held at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

The cast includes: Maura Van Voris, Laura Stevens (Sunday Matinees), Natalya Carreiro, Ben Freeman, Rachel Richardson, Cynthia Johnson  
Director: Kate Fishman  
Shadow Director: Phoebe Van Inwegen  
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The performances will be on **August 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24** with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 pm and Sunday shows at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers. More information and tickets: [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events)  
Tickets are on sale now for members and will go on sale to the general public on July 18.

Miss Witherspoon is a hilariously thought-provoking comedy about a woman's reluctant journey through reincarnation and the afterlife. The title character, Miss Witherspoon, has given up on life but finds herself caught in the "Bardo," a cosmic waiting room. Guided - or rather prodded - by Maryamma, an unwavering yet kind South Asian woman, Miss Witherspoon confronts her resistance to reincarnation and learns unexpected lessons through her short-lived lives on earth. With biting wit and poignant moments, this play explores themes of mortality, growth, and redemption with a humorous touch.

### Scrumptious Summer Lobster Roll And Bake Sale

The First Congregational Church of Marion announces that its Summer Lobster Roll and Bake Sale is coming soon. This fundraising event takes place on Saturday, **July 26** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in front of Penny Pinchers Exchange at 39 Main Street, Marion.

Delicious Lobster Rolls, at \$25 each, will be limited, so to ensure availability you are strongly encouraged to preorder and pay at the Church Office

(144 Front Street, Marion Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm) or at Penny Pinchers Exchange (39 Main Street, Marion Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm). The deadline for pre-orders will be Sunday, July 20. We do accept cash, credit cards and checks.

The Bake Sale will take place in the grassy area in front of Penny Pinchers Exchange. Our Bake Sale is filled with yummy desserts, homemade pies, cakes, cookies, candy and more from the church's best cooks. Stop by to get a delicious dessert to top off your Lobster Roll lunch or get some treats to take home to enjoy later.

The Chapel Café in the Community Center will be open and air conditioned, offering comfortable seating for enjoying lobster rolls, cold drinks and live entertainment.

Also, the air-conditioned Penny Pinchers Exchange will be open during the sale and is cooking up a few surprises for the special day. Come shop for clothes, household goods and many other special finds. This is the area's best place to find amazing prices and selection.

Come support The First Congregational Church of Marion. Savor a luscious lobster roll, explore great bargains at Penny Pinchers Exchange, and take home some delicious baked goods. All are welcome. For more information, please contact the church office at 508-748-1053 or visit the church website at: [www.marionfirstchurch.org](http://www.marionfirstchurch.org).

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## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: In the show "Ted Lasso," what does the sign over the locker room doorway say?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many words are dogs believed to understand, on average?
3. U.S. STATES: Which two states don't observe Daylight Savings Time?
4. LITERATURE: In the "Harry Potter" book series, how many balls are used in a Quidditch match?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which company owns car makers Porsche and Audi?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to Lake Como?
7. MOVIES: What are the names of Cinderella's stepsisters?
8. ACRONYMS: What does the computer acronym DOS stand for?
9. MEDICAL: What is the condition called solar erythema?
10. PSYCHOLOGY: Someone suffering from alektorophobia is terrified by what?

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- Answers
1. "Believe."
  2. Dogs generally know an average of 89 words and phrases, but the number can range from 15 to 215.
  3. Hawaii and Arizona.
  4. Four balls of three different types (the Quaffle, two Bludgers and the Golden Snitch).
  5. Volkswagen AG.
  6. Italy.
  7. Anastasia and Drizella.
  8. Disk Operating System.
  9. Sunburn.
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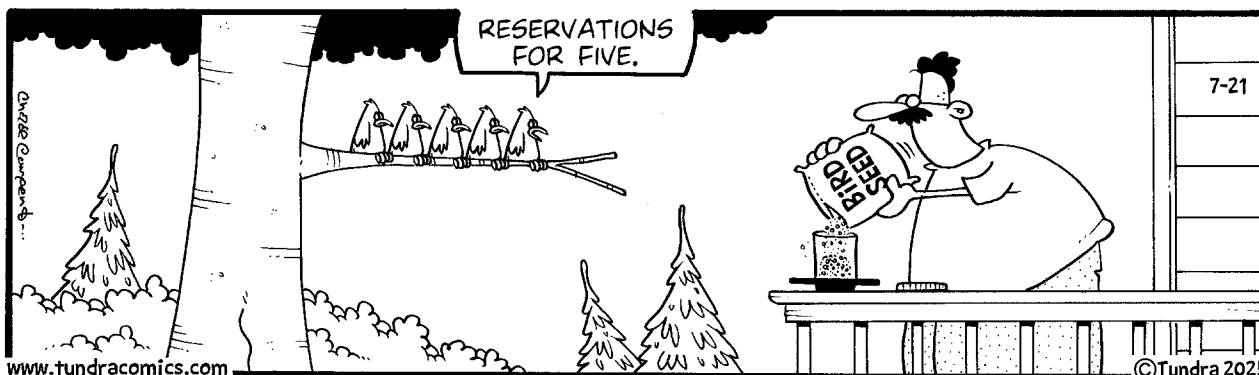


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### The MAC offers Theater Program for Summer

The MAC is pleased to announce All Things Theater, a late summer theater program for ages 10-15. The camp is meant to show participants multiple facets of theater craft both on stage and behind the scenes. Activities may include acting, improvisation, costume creation, stage management, tech, and movement.

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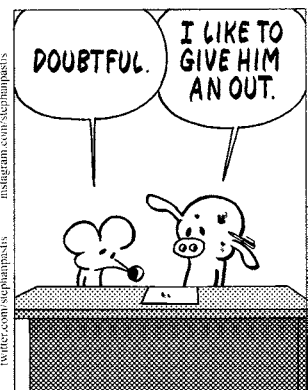
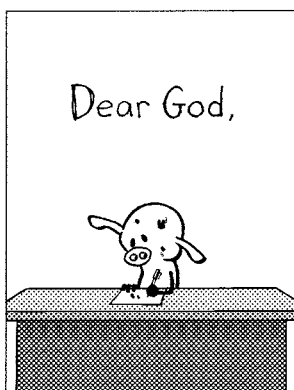
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



series for August. Contact Race Committee members Mike Dahill (mjdahill@verizon.net) or Ed Normand (ednormand@verizon.net) for more information. We hope to see you on the water.

These races will start on **July 8** at 6:00 pm. Make sure to check in with Ed or Mike at the RC boat on VHF channel #71 before the race.

### Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presents Paintings and Prints by Jim Parker. The exhibition, entitled "Ships and Shipbuilding from Mattapoisett and the SouthCoast," runs through **July 31**.

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series Exhibit by Sandwich folk artist Jim Parker. Both prints and original paintings will be displayed at the library between July 1 and July 31. Parker's work displays sailing ships, barks, brigs, and schooners built in towns from Dartmouth to Cape Cod. The paintings include vessels built in Mattapoisett, Russells Mills, Westport, Somerset, Fairhaven, Marion, and Buzzards Bay. This series of paintings reflects the history and beauty of the SouthCoast. Parker received his B.A. from Syracuse and attended Naval Training Schools in CA and RI. He served as the gunnery officer on the USS Hugh Purvis. Parker has completed artwork for more than 30 museums, historical societies, and government groups. He has produced over 500 historic paintings of many areas in the U.S. including Cape Cod and the Islands. This exhibit is free and open to all.

### ORR Class of 1975 50th Reunion

The 50th reunion will take place on Saturday, **September 20** from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Reservation Golf and Beach Club, 10 Reservation Road, Mattapoisett. Please share this information with anyone who may not have been contacted so that we can forward an invitation to them. Contact email: orrhs1975@gmail.com.

### Local Writers Monthly Meeting

A group of local writers meet once a month to share their writing and offer feedback. If you are interested in honing your writing and want to share a rough draft in a supportive setting, come join us. No need to bring a piece of writing every time. Current members write mystery / crime, picture books, humor, memoir, etc.



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The group meets on the 4th Friday of each month 10:15 am to 12:15 pm at the Mattapoisett Library's basement-level Community Room, 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.

### Marion Town Party

As you may remember, last year the Marion Town Party was cancelled due to concerns of mosquito-borne diseases in the area. With that in mind, the Committee has decided to move the event to July.

Save the date. The Annual Marion Town Party will be held on Saturday, **July 26** (rain date is Sunday, July 27), on the grounds of Silvershell Beach, Front Street.

Festivities will begin at 4:00 pm. There will be food and beverages for sale. There will be free activities for the kids, music and dancing and more fun.

More details to follow on how to donate to the event and how to volunteer.

We are looking forward to bringing the party back to Silvershell Beach this summer.

### Marion Vaccination Information

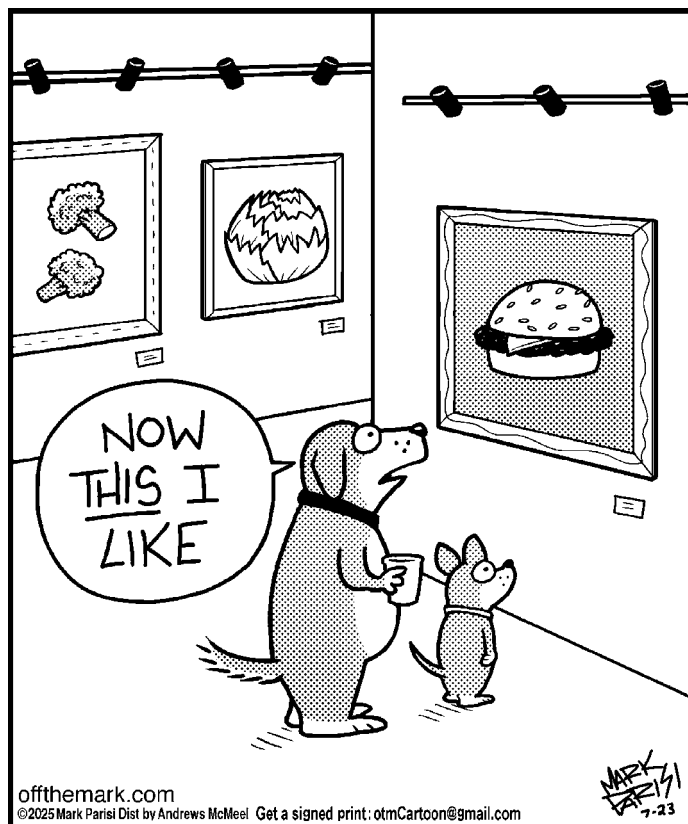
The Marion Board of Health would like to let residents know that they still have flu and COVID-19 vaccines available.

If you are in need of in-home vaccination appointments, these are administered through the Marion Community EMS Program.

Please contact Maureen at the Board of Health at 508-748-3530 then press #1 if you are interested in scheduling an appointment for a vaccination.

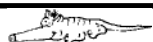
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Sweet, Kevin	Guillotte, Mary C	13 Long Plain Rd	Mattapoisett	07/07/2025	400,000.00





## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	July 24	8:14	8:42	2:31	1:43
Friday	July 25	9:03	9:29	3:16	2:36
Saturday	July 26	9:51	10:14	3:51	3:26
Sunday	July 27	10:38	10:58	4:20	4:11
Monday	July 28	11:25	11:41	4:47	4:54
Tuesday	July 29		12:11	5:15	5:37
Wednesday	July 30	12:25	12:57	5:48	6:23
Thursday	July 31	1:09	1:41	6:25	7:19
Friday	August 1	1:52	2:25	7:10	8:29
Saturday	August 2	2:36	3:11	8:04	9:46
Sunday	August 3	3:26	4:04	9:05	10:50
Monday	August 4	4:25	5:06	10:09	11:42
Tuesday	August 5	5:29	6:03	11:07	
Wednesday	August 6	6:23	6:50	12:27	12:05
Thursday	August 7	7:10	7:32	1:09	12:46
Friday	August 8	7:53	8:13	1:50	1:32
Saturday	August 9	8:36	8:54	2:28	2:19
Sunday	August 10	9:19	9:37	3:04	3:05
Phases of the Moon		New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter		July 24th August 1st August 9th August 16th	



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

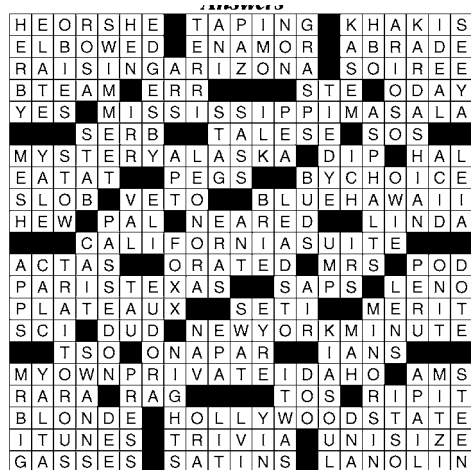
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the July 17, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 26

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## SCRAMBLERS

### solution

1. Charade
2. Douse;
3. Ramble;
4. Habit

Today's Word  
**MARRIED**

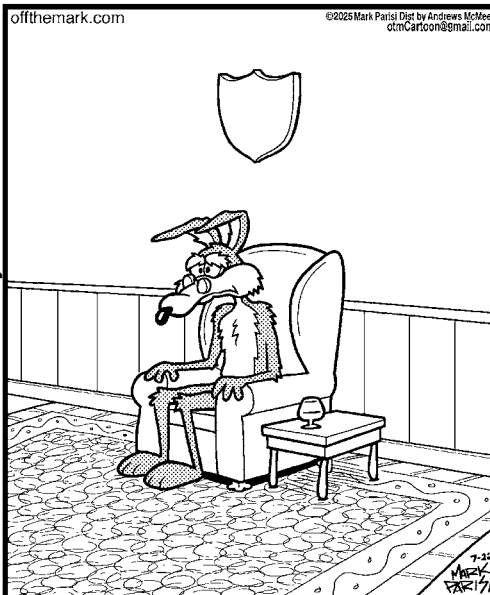
### Sudoku Answer

6	9	7	4	1	3	8	5	2
8	5	3	9	6	2	1	4	7
2	4	1	8	7	5	3	6	9
4	1	5	7	3	8	9	2	6
3	8	2	6	9	4	5	7	1
9	7	6	5	2	1	4	3	8
7	3	8	2	5	9	6	1	4
1	2	4	3	8	6	7	9	5
5	6	9	1	4	7	2	8	3

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